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Applicant : Vanhaelemeersch et al.) Group Art Unit ~~Unknown~~
Intl. Appl. No. : PCT/BE98/00159)
Intl. Filing Date: October 22, 1998)
For : ANISOTROPIC ETCHING OF)
ORGANIC-CONTAINING)
INSULATING LAYERS)
Examiner : ~~Unknown~~)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. national phase application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the specification, after the Title of the Invention on line 1 and before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" on line 3, please insert: --This is the U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application PCT/BE98/00159, filed October 22, 1998.--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the substitute abstract, attached herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein said organic-containing insulating layer is selected from [a] the group [comprising] consisting of the benzocyclobutarenes, poly arylene ether, aromatic hydrocarbons and polyamides.